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The Fellowship Circle Bulletin

OF THE FORT WAYNE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

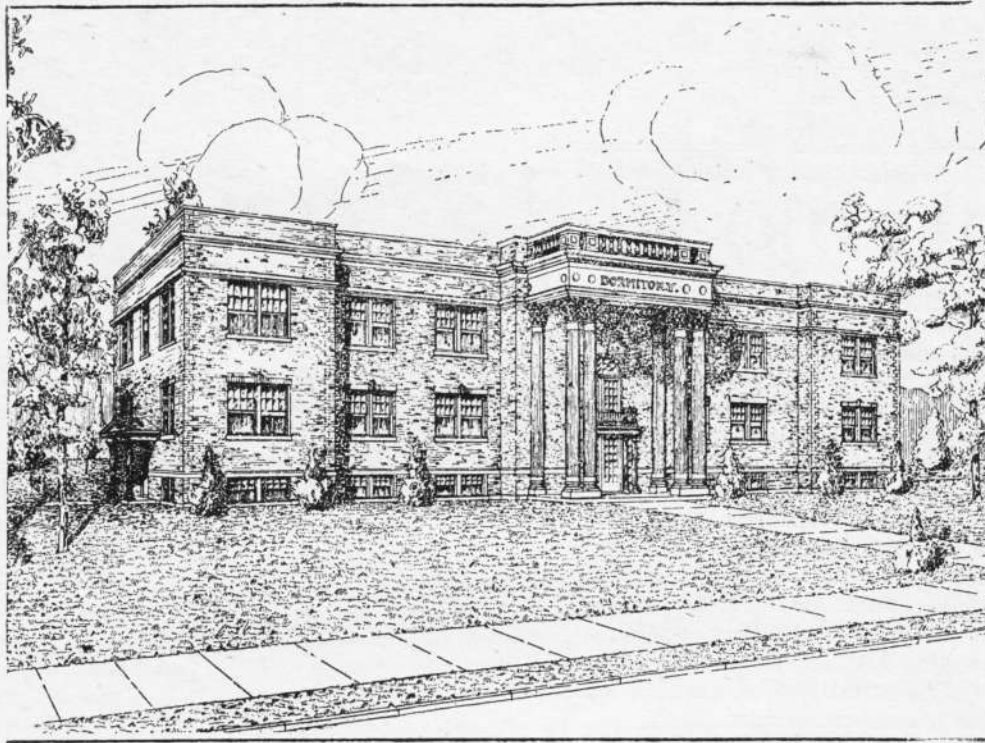
"Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with the Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3.

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The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Year of the B.T.S.



TWENTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement season of the Bible Training School, from May 19-23, was like a beautiful crown o'er-topping the year. Through both semesters the grace of God enabled the students to plod through lessons which at times seemed dull and wearisome; but during these closing days their talents and attainments were lit up with a luster divine.

Having no auditorium large enough to accommodate the crowds, the School appreciated the privilege of holding the graduating exercises in the First Missionary church. There the junior class conjured with the class colors of purple and white in crepe paper until the church was transformed into a bower of beauty.

The Senior class numbered twenty-one. Eighteen graduated from the Bible course, and three from the Bible-Music course. Five completed the Post Graduate course.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The Rev. Thomas Davies, pastor of the Angola Methodist Episcopal church, who has been an efficient member of the faculty this year, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. His subject was "The Answer to the World's Unrest". Describing Holman Hunt's picture, "Christ, The Light of the World", in which the Savior stands outside a closed door, the speaker showed how this sets forth the attitude of the world toward Jesus Christ, who stands knocking at doors of the commercial, educational, and political world, as well as the door of the individual heart, waiting to enter and give light on life's dark problems.

CONCERT

The annual concert was presented Wednesday evening. Prof. C. A. Gerber, director of the music department, and Prof. R. M. Weaver,

piano instructor, selected a program representative of every phase of music life in the Bible Training School.

Holding in view the fact that musical training is a definite aid to consecrated Christian service, the numbers were selected and rendered with a desire to glorify God.

The chorus numbers were given by the entire student body. This chorus had met regularly throughout the school year to study the correct singing of hymns and choral numbers. The result was a blending and spiritual conception that echoed through the choruses presented. The soloists were a credit to their training in technique and interpretation. A capacity house, including friends and former students from a considerable distance, proved that the concert is of widespread interest.

"He who builds beneath the sky builds too low."

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EDITORIAL

The intelligence concerning my new task has reached me safely. The newly elected editor can sincerely affirm that he did not vote for himself.

In former days we have been sympathetic toward those who assumed the responsibility of editing the Bulletin.

Some time ago we were called upon by our efficient and retiring editor to contribute an article to an earlier issue. It then became evident that it was and is not merely sympathy that an editor desires, but hearty co-operation from members of the alumni, the faculty and student body.

We keenly realize our inability to function in this capacity and humbly ask that each member will exercise extreme tolerance toward our labor.

We gladly assume this office, doing the work as unto the Lord and request the earnest prayers of all.

COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement program was held on Thursday afternoon. This day of days was a fitting climax of the year. Our beloved President, Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, presided at this service in his gracious manner. The special music, consisting of a Women's Octette, two solos, and a class song, harmonized in thought with the class motto, "Teach Me Thy Way".

The Rev. John Thomas, of Chicago, gave a practical and inspirational address based on Second Timothy 1:14, choosing for his subject, "Spiritual Deposits". The speaker pointed out four things of which we are custodians. First, the precious doctrine of the Christian faith; then, the experience which must be wrought in the heart; next, the life of holiness which touches every phase of living without a sham,

counterfeit, or make-believe; and finally, the fruit of holiness which will beautify the life.

The Rev. Thomas' admonition to the graduating class was, "Model yourselves on the sound doctrine received in this school by the aid of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Keep the securities of the faith intact."

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

The day closed with the annual meeting of the Fellowship Circle. In the absence of the president, Mr. F. P. Chant, of the class of '23, presided. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parlee furnished the special music. Rev. J. E. Ramseyer gave a brief message on "Fellowship". His text in the Song of Solomon 1:7, expressed the heart longing for intimate fellowship with God. The New Testament counterpart is found in First John 1:7.

AN APPEAL

"And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22.

Prayer is God's method by which His children obtain the desires of their hearts. It is the link which unites humanity with deity. Kingdoms are conquered, thrones established, natural elements controlled, and human souls are delivered from Satan's power through prayer.

Jesus said all things shall be ours for the asking and encouraged persistent believing.

We firmly believe that the petition for the new B. T. S. building is included in the "all things."

"A house divided against itself shall not stand."

Let every graduate, every former and present student and friend of our beloved Bible Training School render his hearty co-operation in **Prayer**, in **Giving** and last but not least, in **Boosting** (Num. 13:30, 31.) Thus we shall realize our goal.

DIAMONDS OF THOUGHT

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"A glance at Jesus will give life; but one must gaze on Him to have likeness."

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"If thou could'st in vision see thyself the man God meant, Thou nevermore would'st be the man thou art, content."

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"Silence is the perfectest herald of joy; I were but little happy if I could say how much."

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"We lose the peace of years when we hunt after the rapture of moments."

After the business session the service was fittingly closed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Lillian Zeller.

Abram Cory says there were two boys in the Taylor family. The older said he must make a name for his family, and so turned his face toward Parliament and fame. The other decided to give his life to the service of Christ, and turned his face toward China and duty. Hudson Taylor, the missionary, died beloved and known on every continent.

"But when I looked in the encyclopedia to see what the other son had done, I found these words, 'The brother of Hudson Taylor.'"

"Gold that is put to use more gold begets."

THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Considering the imperative need of larger quarters for the growing family of the Bible Training School, the General Committee of the Missionary Church Association, and the school faculty recommended to the building committee that a suitable man be put in the field to solicit funds for the new building.

This recommendation was favorably received by the building committee, and Rev. Byron G. Smith, a man well qualified for this mission, was appointed by that body.

Brother Smith has been on our teaching staff for three years and has rendered excellent service. We consider him well fitted also for field work.

We therefore take pleasure in

commending our brother to the courtesy of all the friends of this work. When Brother Smith comes, or writes to you, will you give him your assistance in every way possible in helping him to get in touch with people who have means, and who may give; in arranging for meetings, and in any other way you can aid him? We solicit your prayers for him especially.

He represents a very worthy cause, which should receive not only some of our surplus, but have a part in our sacrifice.

This is a little vine of God's own planting, and we want it to prosper; not for our sake, but that the cause of the Lord may be greatly glorified through it, and that the streams of blessing flowing out from it may increase continually.

J. E. Ramseyer.

God (Heb. 11:6). He must believe it is God's will that he gives to this particular project.

Giving involves prayer. Faith inspires; love motivates; prayer directs. As a steward the Christian dare not dispense his Master's goods without the knowledge of his Master's will. Prayer brings the Christian to know God's will in this matter. There is a peculiar sense in which money and its possessor are inseparable. Money represents brain and the brawn. It is the spirit and blood of man commingled and translated into the terms of a transferrable commodity; a medium of exchange. To the Christian is as sacred as life and it is sacred in the same sense in which life is sacred. No Christian would seek to live without the functioning of faith, love and prayer, and no Christian should attempt to give without the functioning of these graces.

Christian giving is based upon simple but well defined principles. What are these principles? In the first place, Christian giving includes every Christian. Each should possess this grace individually. None are excluded, or excepted. Neither poverty, nor riches should prevent a Christian from this act of worship. In fact, giving is not governed by poverty or by riches, but rather by the measure of the spirit of giving.

In the second place, Christian giving implies a magnanimous spirit, "As unto the Lord," is the apostolic ideal.

In the third place, Christian giving implies a commensurate application of means. Commensurate first, with the wealth and ability of the giver. By this standard a large gift (in denomination) may become small (in proportion to ability), and a small gift may become great in the same manner. It was by this standard that Jesus declared that the small gift, the widow's mite, exceeded the large gifts which were carelessly thrown into the offering by those who were rich.

The gift should also be commensurate with the needs of the case. A great need is a call for an adequate gift. Such a need may make necessary a gift entirely out of proportion to one's visible resources. This is the basis of sacrificial giving, which

The Hardest in the Bible to Believe

What is the hardest thing in the Bible to believe? This question might call to mind the story of the creation with its seeming difficulties. It might call to mind the miracles with their seeming impossibilities. Or, it might even call to mind some difficult doctrine of the scriptures. But we believe we have found a verse which contains a statement which is difficult even for a Christian to believe. This verse is Acts 20:35. The statement is, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." This difficulty is increased when we are asked to prove by our practice that we actually do believe this statement to be true.

The spirit of giving is itself a gift (Rom. 12:8). It was some years before the writer discovered that "giving" is listed among the gifts of the spirit. This association lifts giving to the dignity of an act of worship along with prophecy, healing, and the other gifts which function in true Christian worship. All the gifts of the Spirit are for the edification of the Saints, and for the perfect operation of the church in this world. The loss or limitation of any gift which belongs to the church impoverishes her, and cripples her in her work. It is of vital importance, therefore,

that this "gift" of giving be upon the church.

Viewed as an act of worship, giving is removed from the realm of drudgery, or even duty, into the realm of joyful service. The exercise of any gift of the Spirit is a delight to the soul. One would not say that all giving is an act of worship on the part of the giver. Too many times it is not. But when it is such an act, it involves at least three of the major graces of the soul. These are love, faith, and prayer.

Giving involves love because it is an act prompted by love. Any other motive is unworthy and degrades the gift and the giver. Love always seeks to express itself in the bestowal of a gift. God's infinite love is expressed in this way to us, and will be expressed in this way through us if it abides within us (St. Jno. 3:16; 1 Jno. 3:16). The operation of this principle includes the giving of substance as well as self (1 Jno. 3:17).

Giving involves faith. One must believe in the enterprise for which he gives. He must believe it is right. He must believe it is worthy. He must believe it is God's work. He must believe in its ultimate success. Again, he must believe in God; in the being of God and in the rewards of

is the highest type of Christian giving. One does not really know the joy of Christian giving until he has given to the "hurting" point. The joy is in the sacrifice which is involved, rather than in the benefits derived or in the sense of duty has been discharged.

The blessings of Christian giving are identical with the blessings of worship in any form. They are in the reaction of this act of worship upon the soul. True giving brings a joy and blessing to the soul which far exceeds the joy and blessing found in the possession of the gift. It is blessed to receive, but more blessed to give.

B. G. Smith.

POEM

I paused one day beside the blacksmith's door,

And listened to the anvil ring the evening's chime,

And looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers, worn with beating
years of time.

How many anvils have you had, said I,

To wear and batter out these hammers so?

Just one, he answered, with a twinkling eye,

The anvil wears the hammers out,
you know.

And so, I thought, the anvil of God's Word,

For ages skeptic blows, have beat upon,

Yet, though the noise of infidel was heard,

The anvil is unworn—the hammers, gone.

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In an eastern Theological Seminary a student recently quoted the text, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."

The professor interrupted the theological student and said: "Sh-sh-sh! The blood of Jesus Christ dried up 1900 years ago."

The Importance of Proper Equipment

In some respects the problem at the Bible Training School relative to educational facilities is not so much one of securing "proper" equipment as it is to secure any equipment at all. It is not a case of wanting to trade in the older living room furniture for the latest genuine Angora Mohair suite in attractive colorings, but rather a case of providing its patrons with minimum essentials.

Even though there are various qualities in educational equipment it isn't the habit of schools to indulge in fineries, for the school is considered a workshop rather than a lounging room. Classrooms aren't ordinarily furnished with velvet carpets and exquisitely wrought chandeliers. Yet in a work shop there are some bare necessities that arise from the teaching function itself, the consideration of health, and the efficiency that is desired.

The first essential is rooms that are spacious enough to provide sufficient ventilation for all. They must be well lighted and heated. The "Greek room", the only room devoted exclusively to class recitations at the B. T. S., often supplies considerably less cubic feet of air per person than is required by government regulations for the inmates of prisons. The actual deficiency as to classrooms is discussed elsewhere. The next essential is desks, or chairs equipped with arms for writing, for students and teachers. At the present time the only facilities of this kind are in the chapel.

That the above items are minimum essentials in our civilization where students are accustomed to sit on chairs rather than on floors as in the Orient, no one will deny. There are, however, other important aids which rank almost as high. In view of advanced educational methods and trends these devices are given added importance. Only two need be mentioned. The first is that the emphasis in the process has shifted to the student. He is the center of activity and becomes more responsible for his education. The instructor is a guide, a counselor, one whose chief work is to interest and inspire, then direct the impulses to learn. The obligation of

the institution is to supply the workshop and the tools. A good library that is large enough to accommodate all and which is always accessible during study hours is indispensable. The B. T. S. Library is much too small to meet the first requirement and on account of serving a double function it cannot meet the second. It is a much-used classroom as well as a library.

Educators are today advocating more and more the use of visual aids. Every classroom should be provided with plenty of blackboards, maps, and charts. So far as taking full advantage of some of these educationally sound devices the children of this world are apparently wiser than the children of light. About the most difficult subject-matter to teach is theology and its related branches, yet it appears that theological schools cling most tenaciously to inferior methods and are most conservative in observing principles that are seen in the teaching of the Master-teacher, Jesus Himself. No investment could be made that would be more productive of spiritual and intellectual values than in properly furnishing classrooms and library with suitable equipment of this kind.

The importance of having proper equipment arises from the needs of the student and also from the requirements of the teacher. The considerations of the student are primary; those of the teacher are, of course, secondary. The student spends a few short years in preparation for his life work. They are undoubtedly for most students the most important and momentous of their entire lives. Deficiency or efficiency in training will have life-long consequences. At the minimum there is an expenditure of time, money, and effort. The institution owes it to its students to place and maintain the efficiency of the educational process at par. Anything less, that can be helped, is criminal.

Perhaps the importance of having proper equipment is least considered from the teacher's standpoint. However, it is a worthwhile consideration, especially in a Bible School. There the difficulties of teaching are manifold. Students are not

strictly graded in regard to previous training, capacities, and experience. An assignment that is easy for one student is difficult for another. The teacher's task is more than a mere impartation of knowledge, for the matter of character, attitudes, and ideals are more fundamental objectives to him than the former. In view of the difficulties and size of his task he needs all physical aids that are obtainable.

The Bible Training School is much better equipped to cook and serve food than it is to teach the student so far as material equipment is concerned. What it needs above all is adequate facilities that it may carry on its one chief function, education Christian young people.

S. A. Witmer.

"In defiance of all the torture, of all the might, of all the malice of the world, the liberal man will ever be rich; for God's providence is his estate, God's wisdom and power are his defence, God's love and favor are his reward, and God's word is his security."

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND ITS RELATION TO THE NEW BUILDING

Surely the greatest call one can have in spreading the news of full salvation is to preach the gospel.

Singing and playing the gospel has become an aid to the preaching of the Word. Among the pioneers in this field are such present day names as Sankey, Robert Harkness and George C. Stebbins. The field is comparatively a new one. God has blessed this ministry in such a way, however, that within the past few years the singing and playing of the gospel has developed the world over.

This has led to a desire on the part of students preparing for Christian service to qualify themselves in good hymn playing and singing, that they might be able to understand and assist in the music they will need in whatsoever field of service they might enter.

It is practical these days to get as much training as is possible in the music of the church. The courses at the Bible Training School cover every phase of the subject, and the

AN EVALUATION OF B. T. S.

By One Who Has Been There.

We are former students of the Bible Training School. Many of us have graduated years ago. What does our Alma Mater mean to us today?

It is true that compared with the State standards our credits do not rank high, neither, in many cases, does the Gospel which we preach appeal to them; nor is the Christ who is our "All" regarded in high esteem by such as count the Bible Schools of our land of little value. But, is the State's standard that by which we must evaluate our credentials?

The advantage of state recognition in some circumstances cannot be denied and we do not speak disrespectfully of the same for it has been our privilege to, in a small way, appreciate this advantage; but it can be safely said without danger of successful refutation that a good Bible school is the best place for preparation for the Lord's work for there the need for a personal experience, which is absolutely essential, is recognized as well as the most practical teaching affected. I am personally persuaded that a two year B. T. S. course is a more adequate prepara-

tion for the pastor or missionary than a four year college or seminary course.

Have we underestimated our school and the training which we have received? Only eternity can reveal what B. T. S. has meant to us personally and to the world at large.

The school, which has made us what we are, is now facing a crisis. Her future will largely depend on the outcome of the present critical condition which will either hold her down or enlarge her borders.

It is imperative that each of us who have profited by her and are in a position to more nearly realize her true value render our assistance to the task of making the new building possible this summer. If we fail, B. T. S. is doomed to fill only a small place in years to come. On the other hand, if, by our co-operation, her walls are enlarged so that many more may be blessed thru her then will become a reality the words which we all have often sung,

"And may her walls all nations bless
Till Christ returns to reign."

Rev. Otto W. Stockman,

Pastor, M. B. C. Church,

New Carlisle, O.

only handicap has been the need of more room.

The percentage of Bible students wishing to study hymn singing and playing has steadily increased to meet the needs of the day. Decided progress, therefore, has already been made, but the crowded conditions in building capacity has prevented both students and faculty from going forward in a manner equal to meet the present needs.

In music study there must be regular practice. Students must have a piano an hour or more a day, according to the course being studied. Requests from students for more practice pianos have been frequent for years. It was difficult to borrow even one more room for a practice studio, as the rooms have always been filled with students living at the school.

Due to constant requests one new piano was purchased last year.

This year two more rooms were available, due to the fact an apartment house was leased for a men's dormitory. Two additional pianos were purchased for these rooms at the beginning of this last school year,

which made the equipment the largest to date.

However, due to the enlarged enrollment in music classes and studies, every practice period was filled immediately, and there were more requests than ever for a piano studio.

The music department of the Bible Training School is expanding. Ten pianos were kept busy daily by students wishing to develop the talents that God gave for the single purpose of using to His glory.

The chorus and the classes in hymn singing have always met in the same room as the majority of the large Bible classes. This made it necessary to limit the time the entire student body and the various other singing groups could spend in practice.

The new building is going to solve all limitations felt at present. There will be ample class-room space for Bible classes in the new building. Thus the students look forward to more periods devoted to song. It will be possible to add new phases of music study to our music courses, which will mean a larger enrollment and a still more complete prepara-

tion in this field.

Throughout the history of the Bible Training School the Lord has made the singing of spiritual songs a real blessing to students and faculty.

In training the students for ministry in song it is ever to give a message. Professor Gerber, director of the music department, aids in keeping this goal always ahead in the daily music life of the school.

The result is a vision. With a clear vision and increasing enrollment we expect to move forward, and with the new building in definite view, it will be possible for students to get a better and more thorough training in music, that they might go forth wherever the Lord might lead to sing and play the gospel as unto the Lord!

R. M. Weaver.

NEWS

An ordination service will be held for Clarence I. Birkey, June 25, at his home church, Groveland, Ill. He will sail for French West Africa, July 3.

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Floyd Bowman, '27, has been accepted as a missionary for India, by the C. and M. A.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowman are expecting to sail for the Afghan border.

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Clifford Grabill has been appointed to take charge of the new church work at Bluffton, Ohio.

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Tilman Habegger has been appointed to the work at Bucklin, Kans.

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Rev. W. O. Klopfenstein has laid down his work as pastor of the First Missionary Ch., at Fort Wayne, to take up a course of study at the Northern Baptist School, Chicago.

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Miss Harriet Hiles and Mr. Wil- den Tuttle were united in marriage Wednesday evening, May 22, 1929, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Roth have moved to Buda, Ill., where he has been chosen to be the pastor of a Baptist church.

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Misses Margaret Powell and Louise Hyatt are engaged as home missionaries at Harriett, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Stockman, '26, who have been taking work at Marion College have recently moved to New Carlisle, O., after Mr. Stockman's graduation and are now engaged in pastoral work there.

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Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Marker, '25, have been assigned as pastor of the M. B. Church, at Union, Ohio.

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Miss Laura Nittrouer, '25, together with Golda Hughes, '26 have charge of the church at Covington, Iowa.

A PAYING INVESTMENT

The business man of today who is wise will exercise great caution in making his investments. He will make careful investigation to ascertain the past history of the property or stock under consideration, the present demand for it, and how the returns will likely compare with those of other possible investments. That proposition will appeal to him most which has had the steadiest market, has paid the largest dividends, and which promises the best future.

Those who are making investments for the Lord of glory should be no less cautious. When it is borne in mind how vital and tremendous are the issues involved, they should be infinitely more careful in the use of the means God has entrusted unto them. Not only are there eternal destinies of souls at stake; but the individual who makes the investment gains or loses eternally in rewards in proportion to the wisdom or folly of his acts.

A brief comparison will indicate where our money will count most for God. It will be conceded without any lengthy argument that the great task of the church is to bring men into a vital relationship with Christ—to a knowledge of sins forgiven and a witness of the Spirit to the new birth. We will also recognize the fact that while the redemption price has been fully paid to Christ for a world of sinners, yet it involves some expenses to carry on the work of bringing men to Him. Have you ever sought to find out how great the cost actually is?

Statistics from the Bureau of Religious Census at Washington, D.

C. for the year 1926 indicate that the average cost to gain each new member in a certain well known denomination was \$4,880. The average cost per new member of seven of the more prominent religious bodies of the United States was \$2,409.

The amount required twenty-five years ago to erect the present Bible Training School building was approximately \$25,000. The cost of the four and one-half acre tract was \$1,800. These items, if spread over the twenty-five year period would involve an average investment of slightly over \$1,000 annually. But in addition to this it required from about \$1,000 to \$1,500 of public money per year to make up the deficit on the running expenses. This means about \$2,500 of public money was necessary annually to maintain the work of souls won to Christ by the students of the Bible Training School. In the last few years, the average number while they were in training was approximately 250. Dividing the \$2,500 by 250 we find that the average cost in public funds for each soul won to Christ through the B. T. S. is \$10.00 as over against \$2,409, the average cost of each new church member.

Please note that there is not only a tremendous contrast in the amount of money expended, but also in the actual work done. In some of the denominations it is not required that persons have a definite experience in regeneration in order to be eligible for church membership; they are only asked to "join." Then, too, it should be borne in mind that these souls are won by the students while they are in training. For the most part, it is the result of their week-end ministry. But even from the standpoint of a soul-saving institution, an investment in the Bible Training School would be a most paying one. In fact, an institution which God has been pleased to own and bless so signally, calls not only for financial investments but for real sacrifice. Who would not like to have a share in the rewards for the many souls won through the instrumentality of the B. T. S.? Your gifts will enable us to enlarge our quarters, to accommodate a larger student body, and to render more efficient service.

A dear old lady lived in a little

cottage among the mountains in the South. She was alone in the world and earned her scant living by doing family washings. As years passed by the work became more and more wearisome. One day to her surprise she received a gift of five hundred dollars. Her first thought was to deposit the amount in the bank and use of it as sparingly as possible so it would suffice for the rest of her days. How happy she was at the idea of being relieved from her heavy task.

But while tarrying in prayer, the Lord seemed to want her to give it to a certain gentleman in St. Louis who had made an appeal for funds to begin a mission. After quite a struggle, the Spirit of the Lord prevailed, and she sent the entire amount to help begin the mission. And, instead of living at ease, she returned to her washboard.

Time passed by and the mission hall was completed. While the first night service was being conducted, two men walked by. They were attracted by the gospel singing and decided to go in for the service. As they sat and listened to the gospel message, conviction seized hold of their hearts. When the invitation was given they responded and both were saved before they left the little mission hall that night.

Now that they had found the Lord, they thought of mother and her oft repeated prayers in their behalf. A strong desire to see her once more brought them to a decision to return to the old homestead in the southern mountains. As they drew near the little cottage on the hillside where they had often played in their boyhood days they wondered if mother was yet alive. They rapped at the door. Soon they heard the sound of slowly approaching footsteps. The next moment the door opened and there appeared a little, old woman, stooped from the weight of many toilsome years. One brief look and she recognized the men as her two boys who had been lost to her for many years. The scene that followed was too touching for words to describe.

After a few moments of kissing and embracing mother the boys related to her how they had prospered financially during the years of their absence until now they were prac-

tically millionaires, and how, in the providence of God, they dropped into the little mission in St. Louis where God for Christ's sake forgave their sins and put a new love into their hearts for mother and home.

Then came mother's turn to tell how she, in obedience to the voice of God, sacrificed the \$500.00 to make it possible to begin that little mission in which the first two converts were her own two wandering boys.

It is needless to state that the pinch and worries and the toils were over for that dear old mother. The sons, whose hearts God had touched, ministered to her abundantly and lavished their love upon her during the remaining years of her life.

Did it pay her to make the sacrifice? Think what she would have missed if she had withheld her gift! Think what you may miss if you permit selfishness to dominate your life and refuse to make the sacrifice which God may want you to make.

B. F. Leightner.

THE NEED OF A NEW BUILDING FROM A STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT

(The following conversation was reported as being overheard between a last year's student and another party.)

"Well, well, here you are back again. How did you enjoy your first year at the Fort Wayne Bible Training School. Did you find it as I said you would?"

"Yes, and I certainly enjoyed it—it was wonderful, except—"

"Except what?"

"Well, to be frank they need more room—they need another building."

"Why?"

"It's an awful thing to say, but if they don't, they'll not be able to house all who wish to attend next year—unless—they turn the thing into a girls' school, or a boys'."

"Ah, is it really as bad as all that? Aren't you exaggerating just a little?"

"Exaggerating nothing, every word of it is absolutely true. It was the talk of the whole student body."

"That old shack they had for a boys' dormitory last year has now been sold so they can't even get that again. Think of all the time that would have to be spent, and all the trouble, in looking for a new one this summer, for there isn't another one

available for blocks. And should they be able to find one away from the school, think of the rent they would have to pay, which could all be saved and applied on a new building. They have plenty of room to build it right there on the campus. It's just a big shame, that's all it is. We students don't know what to do."

"You students—what do you mean?"

"Well, here we have so fallen in love with the school that we have been working for new students, and thought we would continue to do so all summer, but I think we have a greater number than can be taken care of already. Think of it! Imagine being in such a predicament; have such a love for the school on the one hand that you are simply 'pushed' into doing all you can to increase its capacity of influence for the salvation of lost souls throughout the whole earth, and yet, on the other hand, have to do it entertaining such fearful questions as, 'Will they have enough room?' And if they won't, what kind of an impression will those invited to attend have of the school, anyhow, and of us students in our lack of discretion and sound judgment?"

"You know the old slogan, 'Nothing can stand still, we either go forward or we go backward.' B. T. S. has certainly reached a crisis in its career. It would almost seem it was at the top of a hill. Will it be 'pushed over,' so to speak, or left to start rolling back down? I'm sure no one wishes it to be known as a school which can take only a small, limited number of students."

"I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I've learned to love the school to the extent that I simply will not entertain the thought that it can grow no larger. I will not entertain the thought that it's defeated in the least in any particular. Why? Because I'm sure there are so many others who have so come in contact with the school and are likewise so in love with it and its work that they will get behind this undertaking with their prayers and co-operation with a determination to 'put it across' for Jesus' sake and for lost souls' sakes for whom Christ died."

Dale H. Baggs.

Pray For The B. T. S.

Some Urgent Needs

When the Bible Training School building was erected several years ago, it was thought that it would meet the needs of the school for many years; but the school has grown in its enrollment and in the number of courses offered until at the present time this building is far from adequate. There is a sense in which we rejoice that this is true; it shows that we have grown. Although we are glad that it is our growth which has caused this inadequacy, yet we regret that we must work under the disadvantages and limitations which have come with it and which hinder efficient work.

One of these disadvantages is our lack of classrooms. Every available room now is made to serve either as class room or music room. It has been necessary to hold a few classes even in the dining room. The inappropriateness and inconvenience of using the dining room for this purpose is too apparent to need comment. As to the library, it must be used regularly as a class room. A library is a useful and essential adjunct to any school as a place for individual reading and study and should be accessible at all times. If the student in his study finds something which he does not understand or concerning which he needs further information, he should be able to go immediately, when his interest is keen, and especially if the continuance of his work is made arduous by his not having cleared up the doubtful point or by his not having obtained the additional information. However, inasmuch as recitations must be held in the library, this is not always possible; for just at the time when the student desires to refer to some book, he is likely to find a class there. Then, when the library is open to him, perhaps he must be otherwise engaged; or, if the reference is one which has been assigned to the whole class, he finds so many wanting to read the same work of reference in the short time during which the library is available that he may not have the opportunity to read it at all; or, if he is so fortunate as to obtain the book, he may have to read in a hurried and, therefore, unsatisfactory manner.

Then, again, a library should at all times be a quiet retreat for reading and thinking. Quietness, however, is difficult to be maintained in the library as long as recitations must be conducted there. After the talking necessary for the discussion of a lesson and the confusion of changing chairs before and after class, the students find it hard to keep absolute silence, or even to lower the voice to a whisper, and to move about without noise and disorder. The library thus loses the dignity, respect, and quietness which it should have.

In addition to our not having a sufficient number of classrooms, some of those which we do have are not furnished with the right kind of seats. They are without desks or broad arms upon which to lay a book or rest the arms in writing. Writing upon the knee is not only uncomfortable but does not make possible efficient work. The instructors cannot require the same amount and quality of work which they might insist upon under more favorable conditions than these.

The following incident will serve to show specifically some of these unfavorable conditions under which our students must sometimes work. There was to be an examination in Missions. There was no room obtainable in which to hold it except the library. The students crowded around the long table, elbow to elbow, almost paper to paper. They scarcely dared to lift their eyes from their paper lest they fall upon that of their neighbor across the table, or of their neighbor to the right or left. Only in a Bible School could students write in such proximity as this without being tempted to cheat. But even after the table was crowded as full as possible, some members of the class still had no place where they could write. One made himself a place on top of a low bookcase holding some encyclopedias; two others ingeniously put a large dictionary on a chair in front of them for a desk; still another used a window sill. Such conditions as these are not conducive either to clear thinking or neat penmanship.

Other equipment which we great-

ly need is new blackboards. Those which we now have are insufficient and poor in quality. This is a handicap to us, for plenty of good blackboard space is necessary to good teaching. In most cases the appeal to the mind through the eye is stronger than through the ear. Most people remember what they see better than what they hear. Missionaries act upon this principle when they show pictures of their work. They recognize that the audience can get a more vivid mental picture and understanding of the work through the eye than through the ear, i. e., through their description of the work by means of words. A thought, difficult to understand, may often be made clearer by a few words or lines written upon the blackboard than in any other way. Some subjects, such as the foreign languages, almost demand the use of the board for class work, in order that the instructor may see the work of each individual and help him accordingly. In fact, a blackboard can be used to good effect in every subject taught.

When we get some new classrooms, sufficient in number and well equipped, we shall feel that we have made a big step towards efficiency. There is an old saying, "Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well. This is applicable to school work as well as to other work; to the work of the Lord as well as to secular work. And is this not the Lord's work? The purpose of the school is to train our young people to the best of our ability to be of the greatest service in the vineyard of the Master. And we feel that we cannot give them the best training without the proper means—new classrooms and new equipment.

Mrs. B. G. Smith.

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